

BILL NO. 97-49

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 97-49

Introduced by Council President Parrott at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 97-20 Date July 1, 1997

AN ACT to repeal and reenact with amendments Subsection A and to add new Subsection C, Exemption of Grading Permits and Standard Plan Permits, to Section 157-21, Grading and erosion control permits, and to repeal and reenact with amendments Section 157-22, Stormwater management permit, of Article II, Fees, of Chapter 157, Licenses and Permits, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for changing the method of charging for plan review and inspections relating to exemption of grading permits and standard plan permits from a per hour charge to a flat fee of \$100 and to further provide for a change in the hourly rate for inspections for grading and erosion control permits and stormwater management permits.

By the Council, July 1, 1997

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: August 5, 1997

at: 7:45 p.m.

By Order: James D. Vannoy, Acting Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on Aug. 5, 1997 and concluded on, Aug. 5, 1997.

James D. Vannoy, Acting Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that Subsection  
2 A is hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments and new Subsection C, Exemption of  
3 Grading Permits and Standard Plan Permits, is hereby added to Section 157-21, Grading and  
4 erosion control permits, and that Section 157-22, Stormwater management permit, is hereby  
5 repealed and reenacted with amendments, both of Article II, Fees, of Chapter 157, Licenses and  
6 Permits, of the Harford County Code, as amended; all to read as follows:

7 Chapter 157. Licenses and Permits

8 Article II. Fees.

9 Section 157-21. Grading and erosion control permits.

10 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION C HEREIN [A]a per-hour  
11 charge shall be applied for the Department of Public Works staff time spent on the technical and  
12 engineering review of plats, concept plans, preliminary plans, site plans and sediment control  
13 plans, for review for extensions of erosion and sediment permits, for inspections of sediment and  
14 control practices, and the time spent for the enforcement of rules and regulations. The rate shall  
15 be [~~\$32.00~~] \$35.00 per hour for inspections and enforcement and \$35.00 PER HOUR FOR ALL  
16 HOURS BEYOND 40 HOURS PER WEEK. THE RATE SHALL BE \$38.00 per hour for  
17 engineering and technical review[.] AND [A] an additional \$8.00 per hour charge [(\$40.00 and  
18 \$46.00, respectively in toto)] will be charged for all hours beyond forty 40 hours per week[.] FOR  
19 THE ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL REVIEW. Charges shall be made at no less than 15  
20 minute intervals. Grading and erosion control permits shall be issued, as long as accounts are not  
21 in arrears for more than 45 calendar days. The owner/applicant shall be billed monthly with the  
22 invoice reflecting a break-down between engineering and inspection hours charged.

B. Forest harvest permit.

| Acres of Harvest Area | Fees for Permit |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 0 to 5                | \$25            |
| 6 and above           | \$50            |

C. EXEMPTION OF GRADING PERMITS AND STANDARD PLAN PERMITS.

A FLAT FEE OF \$100 SHALL BE CHARGED FOR PLAN REVIEW AND FOR ALL NECESSARY INSPECTIONS RELATED TO THE EXEMPTION OF GRADING PERMIT AND STANDARD PLAN PERMIT AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 214 OF THE HARFORD COUNTY CODE, AS AMENDED. THE FEE SHALL ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION AND REQUEST. IF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION OF GRADING PERMIT AND STANDARD PLAN PERMIT, THE \$100.00 FEE PROVIDED FOR HEREIN SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE FEE CHARGED IN SUBSECTION A. IN THE EVENT THAT NO DISTURBANCE OCCURS PURSUANT TO THE PERMIT, UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT A REFUND OF 50% SHALL BE PROVIDED.

Section 157-22. Stormwater management permit.

A per-hour charge shall be applied for the Department of Public Works staff time spent on the technical and engineering review of plats, concept plans, preliminary plans, site plans and stormwater management plans, for review of stormwater management computations associated with application for a waiver of stormwater management requirements, for inspection of stormwater management facilities, and the time spent for the enforcement of rules and regulations. The rate shall be [\$32.00] \$35.00 per hour for inspections and enforcement and \$35.00 PER HOUR FOR ALL HOURS BEYOND 40 HOURS PER WEEK. THE RATE SHALL BE \$38.00

1 per hour for engineering and technical review[.] AND [A]n additional \$8.00 per hour charge  
2 [(\$40.00 \$46.00, respectively in toto)] will be charged for all hours beyond 40 hours per week[.]  
3 FOR THE ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL REVIEW. Charges shall be made at no less than  
4 15 minute intervals. Stormwater management permits shall be issued, as long as accounts are not  
5 in arrears for more than 45 calendar days. The owner/applicant shall be billed monthly with the  
6 invoice reflecting a break-down between engineering and inspection hours charged.

7 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act Shall take effect sixty (60) calendar  
8 days from the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: October 7, 1997

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that  
fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for  
distribution to the public and the press.*

*James D. Vanman*  
Acting Council Administrator

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 97-49(Brief Title) Plan Review Fees

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Council Administrator

Joanne S. Parrott  
President of the Council

Date August 5, 1997Date August 5, 1997

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 97-23 (August 5, 1997)

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 7th day of August, 1997 at 3:00 p.m.

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Council Administrator

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Colleen M. Redman  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date August 8, 1997

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 97-49), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on August 8, 1997.

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Council Administrator

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 7, 1997